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SUBJ: NIGER-DAHOMY JOINT COMMISSION

1. FIRST MEETING OF NIGERO-DAHOMY COMMISSION ENVISAGED IN NOV. 20 COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE VISIT TO COTONOU TOOK PLACE NIAMEY JAN. 3-5. GON AND MRGD DELEGATIONS HEADED BY FORMINS DJERMAKOYE AND MICHEL ALLADAYE RESPECTIVELY CREATED PERMANENT STRUCTURE "GRANDE COMMISSION MIXTE DE COOPERATION NIGERO-DAHOMYAN" TO MEET YEARLY IN ALTERNATING CAPITALS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT SUB-COMMISSIONS OF EXPERTS TO STUDY SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OR PROJECTS WOULD BE CREATED. NO SECRETARIAT WILL BE CREATED.

2. COMMISSION REACHED SEVERAL AGREEMENTS IN PRINCIPLE DURING NIAMEY MEETING: 1) CREATING GRAND COMMISSION; 2) REGULATING NIGER'S USE OF COTONOU PORT AND OTHER TRANSIT QUESTIONS; AND 3) RELATING TO RAISING OF GAYA-MALANVILLE BRIDGE. SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS ALSO ADOPTED INCLUDING RESTUDYING BY SUB-COMMISSIONS IN LIGHT SKYROCKETING

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TRANSPORT COSTS EXTENSION COTONOU-PARAKOU RAILROAD

TO DOSSO AND QUESTION OF MEKROU DAM.

3. COMMENT: MFA OFFICIALS APPEAR QUITE PLEASED WITH
OUTCOME MEETING. THEY BELIEVE THEY FINALLY HAVE AGREEMENT
ON PAPER NEEDED FROM DAHOMEY FOR GO-AHEAD ON RAISING
BRIDGE. DIRECTOR OF POL. AFFAIRS DODO BOUKARY ASSURED
EMBOFF DOCUMENTS BEING PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION TO AID
IN LIGHT DAHOMEAN AGREEMENT. DAHOMEAN PERM REP NIAMEY ALI-
KPARAH CONFIRMED SUBSTANCE BOUKARY'S REMARKS AND SAID
MRGD VERY PLEASED OUTCOME OF MEETING.BUCHE

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